

DOCKET NO. 2000-0150-C - ORDER NO. 2000-0472

IN RE: Request of AT&T Communications of the) ORDER RESCINDING
Southern States, Inc. for Approval of) ORDER, CANCELLING
Revisions to its General Services Tariff.) HEARING AND
) REMOVING
) SUSPENSION OF
) TARIFF FILING

Pursuant to Commission Order No. 84-622, AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T) filed changes to certain of its rates with this Commission. These changes affected the Company's Basic Dial 1 InterLATA rates (Schedules X,Y, & Z) and the InterLATA One Rate with Card Plan and InterLATA One Rate Plus Plan (Tariff No. 2000-132). In Order No. 95-1195, which modified the 84-622 procedures somewhat, the Commission found that certain rate increases below the approved maximum rates may bear further investigation and require further information gathering. In response to AT&T's proposal to increase certain rates with this filing, this Commission entered Order No. 2000-0311, which suspended Tariff No. 2000-132, and set the matter for hearing, and further information gathering. That Order noted that AT&T's requested rate increases appear to cancel out in part a recent rate reduction to the


Company's customers, brought about by a reduction of access charges to AT&T by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

The investigation of the matter was conducted, however, but it appeared to the Commission Staff that the questioned access reductions provided to AT&T are continuing to be flowed through to South Carolina ratepayers through other tariff offerings. The Consumer Advocate, an Intervenor in this matter, filed a letter stating that it was unable to show that a flow-through is not occurring. The Consumer Advocate also stated his view that this matter could be decided without a hearing.

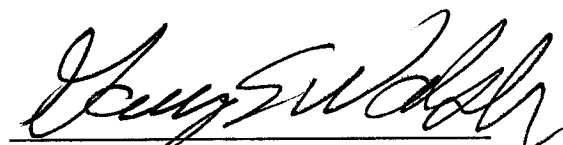
Accordingly, we have examined the matter and concur with the Staff's view that the questioned access reductions provided to AT&T are continuing to be flowed through to South Carolina ratepayers through other tariff offerings. Therefore, we hereby rescind Order No. 2000-0311, cancel the scheduled hearing, and remove the suspension of Tariff No. 2000-132.

This matter shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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